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Bristol, I should presume that he would not again drag the wife over the ocean ; but, when he brought her in 1635, she had two more and younger children : so that the probability is strong, that the official note is wrong.

Revell was an assistant, who never acted here, as he returned home before any of Winthrop's fleet sailed ; as each of them, probably, took some lading for a remoter port than the "Lion," that was sent to the nearest city in England to bring back provisions for the starving Colony in the winter. He was rich, and engaged years before in aid of the Plymouth Colony ; was chosen an assistant, under our charter, in October, 1629, — the day that Cradock resigned as Governor, and Winthrop was chosen his successor, — for the purpose of transferring the administration from Old England to New, as by Cradock had been advised.

DECEMBER MEETING.

A stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, Thursday, Dec. 13, at noon ; the President, Hon. Robert C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

In the absence of the Librarian, the Recording Secretary announced donations from the Society of Antiquaries, London ; the Royal Academy of Sciences, of Lisbon ; New-Jersey Historical Society ; Yale College ; the Town of Gloucester, Mass. ; C. G. Barney, Esq. ; B. P. Johnson, Esq. ; Miss M. F. Thomas ; W. H. Dennet, Esq. ; J. W. Gillespie, Esq. ; D. C. Gilman, Esq. ; J. L. Locke, Esq. ; Rev. Reeder Smith ; Dr. C. Wurzbach ; W. S. Rogers, Esq. ; and from Messrs. Bowditch, Green, Lamson, Robbins (C.), and Savage, of the Society.

The President remarked, that it would undoubtedly be considered proper that the recent visit of the Prince of Wales to our rooms should be the subject of a formal entry upon our records.

But this, he said, could only be done appropriately by some allusion being made to the fact at this or some other meeting of the Society. He therefore proceeded to state officially, that his Royal Highness, accompanied by the Duke of Newcastle, the Earl of St. Germans, Lord Lyons (the British minister at Washington), Major-General Robert Bruce (the governor of the Prince), Dr. Acland, and others of the party who had attended him from England or from Canada, visited our library on the 19th of October last, between four and five o'clock in the afternoon. They were conducted by the Mayor of our city, and the other members of the City Committee of Arrangements, immediately after the visit to Bunker Hill, and on their return from Harvard University and Mount-Auburn Cemetery. Could the time of this visit have been known beforehand with any degree of certainty, it had been the intention that all the officers of the Society should be summoned to attend, and our venerable senior member, Mr. Quincy, with them. As it was, however, Governor Washburn, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Deane, were at the rooms, in addition to Mr. Everett, Mr. Ticknor, and the President, who had been requested to accompany the party from Cambridge.

The Prince was attracted by the portrait of our late munificent benefactor, Mr. Dowse, and inquired about the original, while he examined one or two of the most sumptuous volumes of the Dowse Collection. He looked at the old manuscript of Governor Winthrop's "New England;" at the epaulets of Washington, and at his autograph address to the officers of the army at Newburgh.

While looking at the latter, he intimated a disposition to possess an autograph of Washington; and one was presented

to him by the President, together with one of Franklin, before his departure the next morning, though not, of course, from the archives of this Society.

He looked at the swords of Miles Standish and the Pilgrim Fathers, and at the portraits of the Winslows and Winthrops and Endicott and Saltonstall. He glanced, in passing, at the watch of Colonel Francis, and at the sample of the tea which was thrown into Boston Harbor; and he paused longer to learn the story of the two swords bequeathed to us by Prescott, now crossing each other over our folding-doors, as an emblem of good-will between England and the United States.

And, lastly, the Prince inscribed his name in our Visitors' Register, with the date on which the visit occurred; and called on all his suite to write their names after his own, including the British consul at Boston, and the Mayor of Montreal. Lord St. Germans, having visited our rooms the day before, and having inscribed his name at that time, did not repeat his signature, although he was present with the Prince.

It will hardly fail to be observed, that the date which the Prince set down, with his own hand, as that of his visit to these rooms, and as that of his visit to Bunker Hill, was the anniversary of the memorable closing scene of our Revolutionary struggle at Yorktown. Indeed, there are many striking coincidences of date running through the whole visit of the Prince to America, beginning with the fact, that the best photograph of him, taken in London just before his departure, bears date the fourth day of July; but the fact that he should have visited Bunker Hill on the day of Yorktown, and then should have proceeded immediately to write down the date and his own name on our historical records, will be remembered, together with his visit to Mount Vernon, as welcome indications and assurances, that the animosities engendered by the Revolutionary struggles of the Colonies have ceased to exist in the hearts of the ruling family of Old England. May the amnesty be reciprocal and eternal!

The President presented from the Hon. John Rose, of Montreal, a medal, struck in Canada, in commemoration of the visit of the Prince of Wales and the inauguration of the Victoria Bridge.

The President offered to the acceptance of the Society a medal, struck in honor of Schiller's centennial birthday; also a medal of Louis Napoleon, commemorative of the alliance with Sardinia for the liberation of Italy; and a medal, in bronze, which had belonged to Alexander von Humboldt, and which Mr. Winthrop procured from the chamber in which he died, presenting an allegorical figure of Germany, with the legend, "Be united," struck in commemoration of a great exhibition of German art and industry.

The President called the attention of the members to the "Schiller Buch," a gift to the library from Dr. C. Wurzbach von Tannenberg, — a commemorative work, containing notices and illustrations of almost every thing connected with the life and labors of the great German poet; a complete list of his writings, and of every edition and every translation of them, and of all the formal notices and reviews of his various works; with engraved or lithographed copies of all the portraits and busts which have been made of him; lithographed autographs at different periods of his life; views of the house in which he was born, and of the various houses in which he lived; &c.

The President also presented to the Society "L'Appareil Polygraphique," or an account of the imperial printing-office at Vienna, at which the "Schiller Buch" was published, — the most complete printing establish-

ment in the world, to which a grand medal was assigned at the World's Fair in London, and which contains a larger variety of type for printing in different languages than can be found anywhere else; from which Bagster was obliged to procure the type for publishing his Polyglot Bible in England, and to which resort is frequently had for the publication of books in the Oriental dialects.

The President also presented a *fac-simile* of a curious autograph letter of Frederic the Great, and an account of the battle of Kunersdorf, with a *fac-simile* autograph of the same royal person. In this connection, the President read translations of the letter, and of portions of the pamphlet above named, which had been made, at his request, by our associate, Dr. Hedge. The translations were accompanied with a communication from Dr. Hedge, briefly explaining the circumstances which attended the battle of Kunersdorf, and commenting upon the autographs as illustrative of the character of Frederic.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. Hedge for his kind attention to the President's request.

A note was read from Mr. Bowditch to Mr. Deane, Chairman of the Standing Committee, accompanying, and presenting to the Society, a copy of the "Patronymica Britannica," and also two small and elegantly bound volumes containing fugitive pieces published by the donor at different periods. Whereupon it was *voted*, That the President be requested gratefully to acknowledge these valued tokens of the interest felt in our Society by our esteemed associate during his protracted illness.

Mr. TICKNOR laid on the table, after explanatory remarks, sundry slips from the "Boston Courier," relating to a communication made by himself, at a meeting of this Society on the 28th of April, 1859, in regard to a new "History of the Conquest of Mexico," by Robert Anderson Wilson.

The President presented and read to the Society the following ballad, which he had caused to be copied, when he was in England, from "Colonial Series," vol. viii., No. 16, in the State-paper Office in London, as a curious illustration of the ridicule cast upon the early settlers of New England : —

A Proper Ballad, called the "Sommons to New England," to the Tune of "The Townsman's Capp."

Lett all the Purisidian sect,
I meane the counterfeit elect,
All zealous bankrount Punke devout,
Preachers suspended, rabble rout, —
Let them sell all, and out of hand
Prepare to goe to New England,
To build New Babell strong and sure,
Now called a church unspotted, pure.

There milke from springs like rivers flows,
And honey upon haythorne grows ;
Hempe, wooles, & flax there growes on trees ;
Their mould is fatt, & cutte like cheese ;
All fruit & herbes springs in the feilds ;
Tobacco in great plenty yeilds ;
And there shall be a church most pure,
Where you may finde salvacon sure.

There's venison, of all sorts, great store ;
Both stagge & buck, wilde goat & boare ;
And yet soe tame, as you with ease
May eat y^r fill, — take what you please.

There's beavers plenty ; yea, so many,
That you may have 2 skinnes a penny.
Above all this, a church most pure :
There to be saved you may be sure.

There's flightes of fowles doe cloude the light ;
And turkeys, threescore pounds in weight,
As bigg as ostridges. Their geese
Are sold wth thanks for pence a-peece.
Of duck & mallard, widgeon, teale,
Twenty, for 2 pence, make a meale.
Yea, & a church unspotted, pure,
Within whose bosom all are sure.

Loe, there in shoales all sortes of fish,
Of salt sea & of water fresh, —
King codd, pore John, & habberdines, —
Are taken wth y^r hooks & lynes :
A painfull fisher on the shore
May take of each twenty in an houre.
But, above all, a church most pure,
Where you may live & dye secure.

There, twice a yeare, all sortes of graine
Doe downe like hayle from the heavens raine.
You never need to serve or plough :
There's plenty of all things inough.
Wyne, sweet & holesome, dropps from trees,
As cleere as christall, without lees.
Yea, & a church unspotted, pure,
From dreggs of Papistry secure.

Noe feasts, or festivall sett-dayes,
Are here observed. The Lord we praise,
Though not in churches rich & strong,
Yet where noe masse was ever sunge.
The bulls of Bason war not here ;
Surplis & capp dare not appeare.
Old order all they will abjure :
This church hath all things new & pure.

Noe discipline shall there be used :
 The law of nature they have chused.
 All that the spirritt seemes to move,
 Each man may take, & that approve.
 There's governm^t without command ;
 There's unity without a band ;
 A synnagogue unspotted, pure,
 Where lust & pleasures dwell secure.

Loe, in this church all shall be free
 T' enjoy all Christian libertye.
 All things made comon. To voyd strife,
 Each man may have another's wife ;
 And keepe a handmayd too, if need,
 To multiply, increase, and breed.
 And is not this foundacon sure
 To raise a church unspotted, pure ?

The native people, though yet wyld,
 Are all by nature kinde & mylde,
 And apt already (by reporte)
 To live in this religious sorte.
 Soone to conversion they'l be brought,
 When Warham's miracles are wrought ;
 Who, being sanctified & pure,
 May, by the Spirritt, them allure.

L'envoy.

Let Ansterdam send forth her bratts,
 Her fugitives & runnigates ;
 Let Bedlam, Newgate, & the Clink
 Disgorge themselves into the sinke ;
 Let Brydewell & the Stewes be swept, —
 And all sent thither to be kept :
 Soe may *our* church, cleans'd & made pure,
 Keepe both itselſe & State secure.

Referred to the Committee of Publication.

Mr. WARREN presented, as a gift from J. Carson Brevoort, Esq., an engraved, and also a photographic copy of Pine's portrait of Washington, together with a *fac-simile* of Washington's original letter authenticating Pine's picture, taken in 1785.

Voted, That the President be requested to acknowledge this interesting donation, and to express to Mr. Brevoort the thanks of the Society.

Mr. MASON presented several valuable pamphlets, accompanying the gift with historical and biographical remarks.

JANUARY MEETING. — 1861.

A stated monthly meeting was held this day, Thursday, the 10th of January, at noon; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

In the absence of the Librarian, the Recording Secretary announced donations from the Commissioner of Patents; the State of Tennessee; the Smithsonian Institution; Henry Barnard, Esq.; J. B. Finlay, LL.D.; William W. Forbes, Esq.; Mrs. Eliza Gilpin; Lieutenant-Colonel James D. Graham; Hon. Hugh B. Grigsby; B. P. Johnson, Esq.; James Lenox, Esq.; Benjamin H. Rhoades, Esq.; Eugene Sanger; Sotheby and Wilkinson; and from Messrs. Bartlet, Green, Holmes, Quint, Robbins (C.), Savage, Webb, and Winthrop, of the Society.